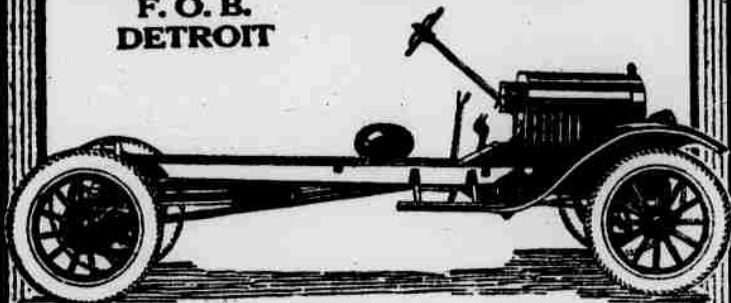


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Johnnie on the Wing.

John T. Yoss and C. L. Bracher of Rockville were Butler visitors Saturday.

T. S. McHenry, our popular West Butler merchant, spent Christmas in Foster with relatives and friends.

A. M. Keith, of Hume, was in the city one day this week on business.

Mel Newsome, of Kansas City, spent the holidays with his parents, D. G. Newsome and wife.

Col. A. V. Adams, of Jefferson City spent the holidays in the city visiting friends.

Miss Cecil McNelly is spending the holidays with her parents in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mrs. John Kersey and daughter, Mrs. Morris, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, are spending the holidays in the city.

We are glad to see Judge A. B. Owen out again after a protracted illness.

Chas. McFarland came in from Muskogee, Oklahoma, to spend the holidays with his family.

F. L. Boyd of Foster has been elected professor of mathematics in the Junior High School to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Dillon.

Prof. Frank Deerwester and family of Pittsburg, Kan., spent the holidays with his father, John Deerwester, in Shawnee township.

A. L. Gilmore, Chas. Peacock and I. M. Kretzinger, all of Deepwater township, were in the city one day this week.

W. R. Payton, of Amoret, who has been in Douglas, Arizona, for some time, has returned home.

Rees W. Barton, of Kansas City was a Butler visitor a few days ago.

One day last week the McGuire Mercantile Company purchased nearly \$1300.00 worth of turkeys. This firm has also installed a new electric motor for testing cream.

Miss Alda Rosier of Maxwell, New Mexico, is visiting relatives and friends in the Amsterdam and Merwin neighborhoods.

Harry Larned, of Opportunity, Washington, is visiting at the home of his father, E. A. Larned of West Boone township. This is his first visit back for nine years.

Mrs. Jesse Wilkinson of Baker, Montana, is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ed Groves, at Merwin.

N. J. Adams, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, of Adrian, was in the county seat a few days ago on business.

The roof of the post office building has just been treated to a new coat of green paint which adds greatly to the outside appearance of the structure. We suppose that this was intended as a distinguished compliment to the services of Postmaster Ed Williams who will soon retire and a cordial greeting to the new postmaster who has not yet been appointed.

Harry T. Wolfe and wife, of Bristow, Okla., are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Douglass. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe were former residents of this city and left here over twenty years ago.

Rev. I. C. Jones preached at Virginia last Sunday morning and night.

We are sorry to hear that our old friend Perry J. Cowgill fell on a slippery sidewalk at Adrian a few days ago and broke two of his ribs.

O. B. Borden has sold his interest in the Farmers Bank of Rockville to Chas. Morgan of the Logan-Moore Lumber Co., of that town. Mr. Morgan will become cashier and Mr. Borden will leave and locate elsewhere.

Ed L. Cooper lost his house and contents one day last week near Altona, Mo.

George Moore and wife of Adrian will move to Kansas City next week to reside. Mr. Moore has been a resident of Bates county for many years and was a former resident of Rockville. We wish him success in his new home.

Wm. Witt and wife of Merwin visited friends at Adrian a few days ago.

Russell Sharp of Jefferson City visited in Adrian this week. He expects to make a visit to Boulder, Colo., before returning home.

The Adrian Banking Company will have their annual meeting January 8th, 1922, to elect directors and transact other business.

I. N. Lamon of Buckingham, Colo., is visiting friends and relatives at Adrian. Mr. Lamon is one of the early settlers of Bates County, but has been gone twenty years.

Mrs. John Mahan, of Adrian, has gone to Colorado in response to a message that her daughter, Miss Lila Mahan was seriously sick.

Edgar Waller, one of the leading farmers of the Rich Hill neighborhood, was married to Miss Eda Elgert at Harrisonville on December 14th, 1922. They will reside at Rich Hill.

The will of the late Daniel Cressap has been filed for probate. Mrs. Cressap is executor. The real estate is valued at nearly \$70,000.00.

They are telling a story on our good friend James W. Poreh and his bees and honey. They say that Jim had four stands of bees and a good amount of honey which he was contemplating enjoying this winter with his hot biscuits and probably occasionally he might invite a few widows or old maids in to enjoy a dinner with him. Jim was sure that Brewster was going to be elected and he wagered all of his bees and honey with his Democratic neighbors and now the neighbors are enjoying the honey and have the bees and Jim now has to be content with sorghum and corn bread.

We are glad to know that J. R. Weedon, near Rich Hill, who has been quite sick is now on the road to recovery.

W. W. Ferguson, president of the F. & M. Bank at Rich Hill, with his family, are spending the holidays at his old home in Fayette, Mo.

Prof. Stephen E. Smith and wife of Kirksville, Mo., are visiting their old home in Mingo township. Prof. Smith is a son of the late Judge Estes Smith and is now a very successful teacher.

Fred Hammer of Prairie City, who has been visiting in St. Louis has returned home.

Howell H. Heck, of Rich Hill, attended a meeting of the American Legion at St. Louis last week.

Remember the Poultry Show next month, the dates being January 17, 18, 19, 20, 1923. Every one should attend.

Mrs. Elsie Ireland, the popular clerk at the West Side Candy Kitchen will celebrate her 23rd birthday Saturday, December 30th. She is the daughter of H. Hinchman, proprietor of the Kitchen. Mrs. Ireland is the wife of James F. Ireland, who for many years resided in Spruce township. She was born in Spruce township and has spent her life in Bates county.

C. H. Dutcher, of Warrensburg, was in the city one day last week attending a meeting of the directors of the Missouri State Bank. Mr. Dutcher has attended every meeting of this well known institution since it started in 1880. We believe that Wm. E. Walton and Mr. Dutcher founded this bank and have been active in the affairs of same ever since.

The Pattees of the Amoret Leader and Amsterdam Enterprise have sent out a neat Christmas card to their many patrons and friends. The Pattees are up-to-date editors and have two neat country weekly papers.

Tom Davies, an old resident of Rich Hill and for many years worked in the coal mines around that city, died at his home in Pembroke Wales last month. He moved back to his native country several years ago and will be remembered by many of the old timers around Rich Hill.

Judge H. E. Sheppard and W. W. Cannon spent last week in the wilds of Benton county on a turkey hunt. We failed to hear how many turkeys they killed, but know that they had a fine trip.

Prof. A. C. Moreland has purchased property in Jefferson City and will move next week. Prof. Moreland stated that it was impossible to rent a house in that city and he had to buy a place.

The Butler postoffice has done a remarkable business this month. It has been the largest month ever known in the history of the office. All the office force has been worked to the full capacity and all business has been taken care of with neatness and dispatch. Many compliments have been passed on the entire force for the efficient service in handling the holiday business.

W. F. Keasling spent the Christmas holidays with his family in this city. Will has been traveling for a shoe firm for many years and it is not often that he has the opportunity of spending the holiday season at

An understandable statement of the condition of the

MISSOURI STATE BANK

at the close of Business, Dec. 6th, 1922

THIS BANK HAS ON DEPOSIT.....\$800,625.53

The banker must always bear in mind that these deposits are subject to withdrawal at any time and must arrange his assets to meet this requirement.

TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT WE HAVE ASSETS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Cash and Sight Exchange.....\$126,380.06
Consists of actual cash, together with funds on deposit in our correspondent banks in Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and New York.
2. Bonds.....\$48,450.00
U. S. Liberty bonds.....\$42,450
School Bonds.....6,000
3. Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures.....\$21,095.87
Includes our building, furniture and fixtures, vault, equipment, etc.
4. Loans.....\$386,794.22
Includes money loaned on real estate, to our good farmers, merchants and individuals on collateral or approved security.

TOTAL ASSETS WITH WHICH TO PAY DEPOSITORS.....\$1,082,720.15

ASSETS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT DUE DEPOSITORS.....\$ 132,006.62

This excess represents the capital, surplus and undivided profits which is the property of the stockholders after all deposits are paid in full.

This bank has no money borrowed to carry on its business, and, furthermore, does not loan its funds to its officers or directors.

The above statement is correct,

J. B. WALTON, Pres.

W. E. BLACK, Cashier.

home.

We regret to record the death of our good friend James K. Angle, which occurred last Friday at his home northwest of the city. We had known Jim Angle for many years and he was a splendid gentleman. He has been in poor health for some time but we did not expect his death at this time. He leaves a good record behind him as well as a host of friends.

The Denton-Coleman Loan and Title Company will move into their new building next Saturday. This is a fine building and will make them an up-to-date office. This institution has grown rapidly during the past few years and ranks as one of the strongest financial institutions in this section of the state.

Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Chastain have gone to Riverside, Calif., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Helen Starr. They will remain for some time.

Prof. C. A. Lee has sold his property on Harrison street to Daly Bradley who will occupy same for a home.

Edward Zey and James Argenbright gave a very delightful party dance at the Dr. Zey home on Mill and Maple streets Tuesday night.

Miss Ruth Wyatt, who is attending the Colorado University at Boulder, Colo., is spending the holidays with her parents, G. P. Wyatt and wife.

Misses Martha Williams and Avis Keasling are spending the holidays here and will return to Columbia this week.

Robert Lynn of Summit has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, but is now recovering. We are sorry to hear this as Bob is a good looking bachelor and if up and well might meet some of the good looking girls who might be visiting his neighborhood during the holidays.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Dave West of Rockville. Dave is a fine fellow and is an old timer in that section.

Fred Layer, one of the leading farmers of southwest Bates shipped a load of fat cattle to the Kansas City markets last week.

Butler Camp No. 2458 M. W. A. will have their installation of officers January 4th, 1923. A lunch will be served and a good time is anticipated.

Peru Camp Modern Woodmen of America will have a big hunt in the near future and we predict that the neighbors will kill lots of game.

The Kansas City Star had quite an article on Harmony Mission last Friday. It gave quite a writeup and contained much ancient history. It was written from Rich Hill. We believe that the old site should be converted into a public park. The site is

now owned by W. W. and H. M. Cannon of this city and we believe that F. W. Krull owns part of the old mission grounds. These gentlemen are willing to do their share in making a public park there.

D. D. Hitt, former postmaster of Rockville and now connected with the Bank of Rockville has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

M. H. Price of Summit township celebrated his 83d birthday December 12th. Mr. Price is one of our best citizens and we wish him many more anniversaries.

Mr. Frank J. Peters of Rich Hill and Mrs. Florence M. Klem of Hume were united in marriage last Saturday morning by Judge B. F. Jeter at his office on the east side of the square. This couple will reside at Rich Hill.

The pension bill increasing the pension of the Civil War veterans from \$50.00 to \$72.00 per month and widows from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per month has passed and will be signed by the president this week. This will be a great benefit to the old soldiers and the widows. The bill placing all members of the various militia companies has passed the House and will in a short time be passed by the Senate. It is predicted that the bill will become a law before the expiration of the present congress.

The Charlotte-Homer road district will have their meeting at Virginia January 2d, 1923, to elect one road commissioner.

Cyrus W. Ward spent Sunday in Rich Hill and it was an ideal day for such a visit. Cy says he took down a suitable present and enjoyed a fine day with his select company which was a very small crowd. Cy thinks that by next Christmas he will not have to go to Rich Hill but can remain at home and enjoy life by his own fireside.

The new county officers will take up their duties next Monday. The old officers will retire and so far none have made any announcement of what they will do in the future. They are all good men and we wish them success in any business in which they may decide to engage.

Robert D. Reeder of Adrian was a Butler visitor Tuesday.

Chas. E. Scott, of Clinton, spent Christmas in the city with his sister, Mrs. Hattie Scott Smith and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eilers entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Piggott and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bond and Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Dickerson to an elegant turkey dinner Christmas day at their beautiful country home just west of the city.

L. L. Reynolds has sold his 440 acre farm in Lone Oak township to Henry Anthony.

A. J. Smith, Adrian's leading

light, was made a happy man on Christmas day by the receipt of an elegant fruit cake and trimmings sent to him by his nieces from Tacoma, Washington. There is no doubt that Al did full justice to the cake and treated some of his neighbors to a small piece. If we had been in his vicinity that day we would sure have made him give us a great big slice.

W. T. Watson, owner of the Watson ranch in West Boone township, sold last week to Smith & Robinson of Kansas City 150 white faced cattle. The shipment was made in six cars and the price was \$8,000.00.

Mr. Herman R. Thomas and Miss Alice O. Cooper, both of Rich Hill, were united in marriage last Saturday morning at the recorder's office. Judge B. F. Jeter officiating. The couple will reside at Rich Hill.

Mrs. R. A. Piggott has returned from a visit to Excelsior Springs.

E. H. Allison of one Oak township is visiting at his old home at Stronghurst, Illinois.

Walter Taylor has completed his new bungalow in Shawnee township and will have a nice attractive country home.

The N. & S. Coal Company, located four miles north of Hume has extended its trackage on account of its enlarged output.

Uncle Lewis C. Eichler, a pioneer citizen of Mound township celebrated his 86th birthday on Wednesday, December 27, 1922.

Mr. Eichler was born in St. Charles, Mo., Dec. 27, 1836. In 1857 he moved to Bates County and settled on his present farm located two miles west of Passaic. He has lived there continuously except during the years of the Civil War. He has been a leading farmer of his section and now has one of the best improved farms in Bates county. Mr. Eichler is still in good health and takes an active interest not only in farm duties but is well posted on all the current events of the day. Besides his wife his son and daughter reside there with him. We wish Mr. Eichler many more such anniversaries and as well as much good health, happiness and prosperity.

JOHNNIE

Swooping down upon a fashionable Washington apartment police and government agents arrested two young men whom they accuse of being bootleggers to a considerable section of Washington's social and official set. Twenty-five gallons of alcohol which was being manufactured into synthetic gin in the apartment, and an "address book" containing names of some members of congress and prominent Washingtonians were among the